

# Paleo-Balkan mythology

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**Paleo-Balkan mythology** is the group of religious beliefs held by Paleo-Balkan-speaking peoples in ancient times, including Illyrian, Thracian and Dacian mythologies.<sup>[1]</sup>

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## Horseman

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The cult of the Thracian horseman, especially his depiction as a hunter (either chasing or holding the hunted animal in his hand), was widespread within the Balkano-Danubian area during the Roman period.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

## Subsets of Paleo-Balkan mythology

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- Albanian folk beliefs
- Illyrian religion
- Thracian religion

## See also

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- Zalmoxianism

## Sources

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